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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/692,412
Filed: October 20, 2000
Title: Plant Polymorphic Markers and Uses Thereof
Applicants: BUSH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.127

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Responsive Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002;
and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. If, however, any fees are due in conjunction with this filing, including any extension of time fees required to prevent abandonment, then such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.127. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milan M Vinnola".

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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, (Paper No. 12), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-1824, referencing docket number 16517.127. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.